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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Monday October 28, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, October 22.

Since our laſt arrived 2 *Mails from Holland, one from France, and* 2 *from Flanders.*

Prague, October 16.

THE Miniſters of the King of Great Britain, and the States General, are drawing up new Repreſentations to be laid before the Emperor, concerning the Oſtend Company. The Miniſter of France has alſo received Orders from his Court to do the ſame.

Paris, October 27. 'Tis talked, That ſeveral Jeſuits will go on Board the next Ships which ſhall ſail from Oſtend to the Eaſt Indies, and endeavour to procure to that Company ſeveral Favours from the Great Mogul and the Emperor of China.

Amſterdam, October 25. Private Letters from Cambray ſay, That Baron Bentenrider, Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor, having received an Expreſs from Prague, with Diſpatches concerning the Inveſtiture of the States of Italy and the Oſtend Company, was to ſet out the 21ſt for Verſailles, to operate there a Commiſſion on the Part of the Emperor.

Rome, October 7. We hear, that the Princeſs Sobieski, Conſort of the Chevalier de St. George, is with Child again.

Paris, October 22. Horatio Walpole Eſq. is arrived here, and will ſet out 10 or 12 Days hence for Hanover.

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From the Weekly Journal.

It is wrote from Paris, as if the young King diſcovers ſome Diſlike to the Infanta Queen; and it is inſinuated, that he would ſend her back again to Spain as ſoon as he comes of Age: In which caſe, it is ſuppoſed the Wife of Don Carlos, Prince of Spain, would alſo be ſent back again to France: But theſe Suggeſtions ſeem to have no other Fundation, than becauſe in his Sports and Diverſions he does not ſeem fond of her Company: Whereas it may be obſerv'd, that Boys ſeldom are fond of the Company of Children much younger than themſelves, and eſpecially of Girls, as not judging them fit Companions for Play: But, it is probable, when he comes to Maturity, he will look upon her with other Eyes, as her Perſon promiſes a great deal of Beauty.

Mr. Miſt.

THERE having been all poſſible Enquiry made to diſcover the Villains who lately murdered the Engliſh Gentlemen near this Town; the Servant of one of them, who is ſince recovered of his Wounds, being examined, whether he thought he could know any of them again if he ſaw them, anſwered he was ſure he could, for one of them had ſomething remarkable about his Noſe. The Governour had a Thought of ſending an Italian Painter to the ſaid Servant to take the Deſcription of this Man's Countenance: The Painter sketched out ſeveral Faces as near the Deſcription as he could, and at length hit upon one which the Servant ſaid perfectly reſembled one of the Murderers. This was immediately drawn out in *Mezzo Tinto*, and ſeveral hundred Copies printed, and ſent forward to all the Towns in France, and Flanders with Directions to lay hold on the Perſon who ſhould reſemble that Picture. Accordingly a ſtrict Enquiry and Search was made upon the Perſons of Srangers in every Town. The Magiſtrats of Liſle who went upon this Enquiry, met a Man in a Publick-Houſe, whoſe Features had a ſtrong Reſemblance with thoſe of the Print; (for they carried the Picture with them) having ſeized him, he appeared ſo terrified, that it is ſaid, he fell into a Fit; but when he recovered, and they began to examine him, he drew a Pen-knife out of his Pocket and ſtabb'd himſelf in two Places, but not mortally: 'Tis ſaid he confeſſed all and diſcovered the Names of the Accomplices: They add, that he is an Italian.

This Account is juſt come, when I hear more I ſhall give it you by the firſt Opportunity.

Calais, Oct. 22. N. S.

Yours,

J. L.

From the Flying Poſt.

Peterſburg, Oct. 2. N. S. On the 25th paſt, the Perſian Ambaſſador had his Audience of Leave of the Czar; to whom he thus addreſs'd himſelf.

Greateſt of Emperors,

THOU, who art bleſſed with the Mercy of God, and the Protection of Angels! Thou, who ſurpaſſeſt Darius and Alexander the Great in Glory, Nucharavarus and Pheridanus in Clemency, and Kiavanus in Courage! Thou art the true fortunate Star Merich; (*by which he is ſuppoſed to mean Jupiter*) in regard it has pleaſed the Almighty God to advance thy Imperial Majeſty's high Perſon to the Summit of ſupreme Authority.

Thanks and Praiſe be to God, that thro' his Mercy my moſt gracious and true believing Lord has done me the Honour to ſend me with the Character of Ambaſſador Plenipotentiary; and that it fell to my Lot to know, and bring to a good Iſſue, the Friendſhip and entire Confidence of two ſuch Monarchs! I

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am ſure, our Enemies who have been ſo Outrageous, will be put in the outmoſt Confuſion by this Alliance, and our Subjects on the contrary, who have hitherto groaned under the cruelleſt Oppreſſion, will not only keep a ſolemn Feſtival, but will every one congratulate the other upon the Confirmation of this perpetual Friendſhip.

Moſt gracious Emperor.

May the moſt high God multiply thy Years upon thee, and advance thy Imperial Majeſty's Rights; That the Friends of the two Monarchies may grow ſtrong and Triumph, and their Enemies may conſume away and become altoget Helpleſs.

London, October 16. The Comet mentioned in our Laſt, which was firſt diſcovered on the 9th Inſtant in the South-part of our Hemiſphere, diminiſhes ſo much every Day, both in Motion and Brightneſs, that 'tis believed it will ſcarcely be viſible in our Horizon 9 or 10 Days longer.

From the London Gazette.

Stockholm, Sept. 25. Laſt Week the Burghers ſent a Committee to the Houſe of the Nobles, with a Memorial, wherein they repreſent, That whereas it was, an eſtabliſhed Rule before Sovereignity was introduced in the Time of Charles XI. that the Members of all the Courts or Colleges ſhould conſiſt half of Nobility and half of Commoners; thoſe Employments are now almoſt intirely engroſſed by the Nobility, there being at preſent very few Commoners in any of the Courts and in ſome none at all: Wherefore the Burgeſſes demand, that an Act may now be made to divide all the Courts again as they were formerly into two Claſſes, half Nobles and half Commons, and that all the Vacancies which may hence foreward happen ſhall be filled with the Latter, till ſuch time as the Members become equal in every Court. This Memorial was received with Indignation by the the Nobility, yet the Burghers were only told at the delivering it, that the Houſe of Nobles would conſider of it, and ſend them an Anſwer in Writing as ſoon as poſſible, a Committee was appointed to draw it up with all Expedition; and on the 23d the Committee laid the Anſwer they had prepared before the whole Houſe, when it was unanimouſly approved: And Yeſterday a Committee of 36 of the Nobility were ſent, not only to carry that Anſwer to the Burghers, by which their Demand is rejected; but likewiſe to communicate the ſame to the Clergy and Peaſants at their reſpective Houſes.

From the Evening Poſt.

Bruſſels, Oct 31. Laſt Monday was celebrated here, with extraordinary Solemnity, the Anniverſary of the Birth of Prince Eugene of Savoy, who then entred the 61ſt Year of his Age.

Three Ships are fitting out at Oſtend which its ſaid will be ſent this Year to the Indies, two more which the Directors of our Company have bought at Hamburg are hourly expected at Oſtend, 'Tis talked that the Actions of the Company are advanced to 9 per Cent. præmium.

Genoa, Oct. 2. This Morning Dr. Sanſonie, the Phyſician's Son, between 13 or 14 Years of Age, being unreaſonable in his Demands of Pocket Money, his Father ſtruck him with his Cane, which ſo enraged him, that he ſnatched up a Knife, and ſtruck it ſo deep in the Doctor's Belly, that he fell down dead. The young Murderer fled for Sanctuary to the Cathedral Church.

London, Oct. 19. Some Days ago three Boys got into a Boat above Bridge who after tiring themſelves with rowing and playing, fell all aſleep, and the Boat was carried away with the Tide into the Loch next the Mill at London Bridge, and was overſet, by which one of the Boys belonging to Mr. Hopkins of Horſly Down was drowned; but another belonging to the ſame Perſon, and the third belonging to Mr. Harris of the ſame Place were ſaved.

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From the Evening Poſt, October 22.

London, October 22. They write from Maidſtone in Kent, That the Lady Taylor, (Siſter and Heireſs to the late Sir Thomas Colepepper) above 70 Years of Age, was lately married to Dr. Milner a Phyſician, about 35 Years of Age. 'Tis ſaid her Ladyſhip has about 2000 L. a Year, Eſtate and Jointer; and that this is her 4th Husband.

From the White-hall Evening Poſt, October 21.

Florence, October 5. The Continuance of the Grand Duke's Indiſpoſition daily increaſes our Apprehenſions of his Death. The Hereditary Prince aſſiſts at all the Councils relating to the State, ſigns the neceſſary Diſpatches, and gives regular Audience to the foreign Miniſters: He has likewiſe given Orders to augment the Fortifications of Porto Ferrajo with all poſſible Diligence, and has cauſed ſeveral Pieces of Cannon to be drawn out of the Arſenals to be ſent to the Sea-port Towns.

Rome, October 9. The Conſort of the *Chevalier de St. George* is again with Child, which occaſions much Joy here.

Bruſſels, October 21. Advices from Oſtend ſay, That the Directors of our new E. India Company are fitting out 3 Ships for the Eaſt Indies; one whereof is named the St. Xavier was formerly commanded by Capt. Moor, is bound for Morlia, and will be ready to Sail in a Fortnights Time. The 2 Ships are daily expected at Oſtend, which the Company has cauſed to be bought at Hamburg. Letters from Antwerp relate, That the Company's Stock is again riſing to 9 *per Cent Præmium.*

London, October 22. Some Days ago the Counteſs Dowager of Derwentwater ſet out for Bruſſels to bring over the Children of the late Earl her Son, who was Beheaded for High Treaſon on Tower-hill; the unfortunate Lady their Mother having lately expired in that City.

From the Flying Poſt, October 22.

Madrid, Oct. 5. 'Tis reported, That the Marquis de Lede is made Captain General of Catalonia, in the Room of Prince Pio, who was lately drown'd. The Queen of Spain has ſent the Steward of her Houſhold to condole with the Princeſs Dowager on his unhappy Fate. Coll. Stanhope, the Britiſh Miniſter is preparing to ſet out ſhortly for England, but 'tis ſaid the Affair of Gibraltar is not yet regulated.

We hear that the Right Honourable the Lords Townſhend and Carteret received conſiderable Preſents from the K. of Pruſſia at their Departure from Berlin to Gohre.

Wye's Lettes verbatim, London, October 22.

ADvices by the Holland Mails arrived ſince our Laſt, inform us, That on the 13th Inſtant a Courier from Stockholm paſſed thro' Hamburg in his Way to Germany, with News that the Ruſſian Reſident at Stockholm had received Orders from the Czar by an Expreſs, to declare publickly, That his Czariſh Majeſty has at length ſolemnly promiſed to give the youngeſt Princeſs, his Daughter, in Marriage to the Duke of Holſtein; and that the Marriage ſhall be conſummated at Moſcow, immediately after their Majeſties Coronation.

This Marriage, which, in all Probability, muſt hereafter render the Intereſts of the Courts of Ruſſia and Sweden inſeparable, will, 'tis thought, not be very agreeable to a certain Power, particularly to the King of Denmark, who perhaps will find himſelf obliged to deliver up the Dukedom of Holſtein to the aforeſaid Duke.

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Letters from Petersburg ſay, That by the Treaty concluded between the Czar and the Sophi of Perſia, the Former is to ſupport the Latter with all his Power. And on the other hand, the Sophi is to give up to the Czar all the Places along the Caſpian Sea as far as Baku.

'Tis computed, that the Ruſſian Monarch has now on the Frontiers of Perſia 60000 regular Forces, which are judged more than ſufficient to act againſt the Rebel Meriweys; who, ſome Accounts ſay, was retired 20 Leagues beyond Andreoff for want of Proviſions: The Confirmation whereof is impatiently expected.

'Tis more and more apprehended, That the Affair of the Oſtend East India Company will produce a War, notwithſtanding all the Endeavours that have hitherto been us'd for preventing it.

If you will credit what they write from Bruſſels, by the Way of Paris, they are already recruiting the Troops in that Country, and reinforcing the Garriſons of the moſt conſiderable Towns: And that the Marquis de Prie has forbid the States of that Country paying to the Dutch the 500000 Florins which the Emperor had obliged himſelf to pay them by the Barrier Treaty. On the other hand, 'tis remarked, that the Garriſon of Namure has of late been very much on its Guard.

We have juſt now received another Holland Mail, with theſe Advices: From Prague, of the 16th Inſtant, That the Miniſters of the King of Great Britain and the States General, are preparing to make new Repreſentations to the Emperor touching the Oſtend East India Company.

From Ratisbon, That moſt part of the Proteſtant Miniſters have received Orders from their Courts, to act in concert with the Miniſter of Great Britain in the Affairs of Religion.

From Stockholm, 'tis ſaid that the King of Sweden has named Commiſſioners to enter into a Negociation with the Ruſſian Ambaſſador, for concluding a Treaty of Alliance between his Majeſty and the Czar. The Great Duke of Florence is in a very weak Condition.

'Tis concluded, That Affairs of ſuch high Importance are under Debate, that the King will not return to England theſe 5 or 6 Weeks: In the mean time, we have the good News of his Majeſty's being in perfect Health, and that he frequently takes the Diverſion of Hunting.

We hear that the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Bradford, Lord Lyon, and Mr. Walpole, are gone to their reſpective Seats in the Country, to ſpend ſome Time there.

Mr. Douglaſs, mentioned in our Laſt to be taken into Cuſtody, was examined by the Secretary of State laſt Saturday, and diſcharged: But Mr. Murray and Mr. Fleming are ſtill in Cuſtody. The Latter, 'tis ſaid, was Purſer and Steward of the Ship *Revolution*, and came lately from France. Warrants are out againſt ſeveral others.

Mr. Motice and his Wife, who went over with the late Biſhop of Rocheſter, returned hither laſt Saturday from Bruſſels.

The Duke of Leeds is returned to England, after ſeveral Years Abſence in Muſcovy, Spain and Italy. His Grace came as Paſſenger from Leghorn in the Lambert Galley.

The Parliament is further Prorogu'd to the 19th of November next.

Laſt Saturday Mr. Randal went hence Expreſs for Hanover: And Yeſterday Mr. Turner, another Meſſenger, arrived here from thence.

The Marquis of Blandford is arrived at Hanover from Bern.

The Wentworth, a rich Turky Ship, is arrived at St. Helen's.

Edinburgh, October 28. Laſt Thurſday Three Merchant-apprentices having gone into the Fields to divert themſelves with Fowling, one of them accidentally ſhot his Comerad in the Left Side, of which he immediately died. The other Two are committed to Priſon.

Haddingtoun, October 25.

Beſt Wheat	7 *l.*		2*d Ditto* 6 *l.*	16 *ſh.*	3*d Ditto* 6 *l.*	12 *ſh.*		
Beſt Bear	7 *l.*	2*ſh.*	2*d Ditto* 7 *l.*		3*d Ditto* 6 *l.*	16 *ſh.*		
Beſt Oats	6 *l.*	4 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto*	6 *l.*	3*d Ditto* 5 *l*	17 *ſh.*		
Beſt Peis	5 *l.*	18 *ſh.*	2*d Ditto*	5 *l.*	16 *ſh.*	3*d Ditto*	5 *l.*	12 *ſh.*

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N. B. *The 3d Quarter of this current Year of the* Caledonian Mercury, *commences this Day; whtch 'tis expected the Subſcribers will take Notice of, and ſend in the current Quarter and all Bygones.*